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-tem work.

“Work so that you can serve with pride and know that service to our nation is a sacred calling,” he said. “Work so that America and her friends and allies are strong and secure. Work so that the cause of freedom will better bind the community of nations, seeking, not conflict, but common purpose.”

Rumsfeld also said he would work with the diplomatic and the intelligence communities to “arm the president with the options and the information and capabilities needed to defend American interests and to pursue every avenue to keep the peace.”

Rumsfeld was confirmed by the Senate and sworn in after the Inauguration Jan. 20.

He was ceremonially sworn in at the White House Jan. 26 and the Joint Chiefs of Staff hosted a welcome ceremony for him later in the afternoon.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Rumsfeld is the perfect pick for the Pentagon.

“He proved by his actions that he understands the importance of maintaining a robust military capability as the best way to deter aggression, ensure stability and prevent war,” the chairman said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, a retired Army four-star general who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Persian Gulf War, sat in the front row of the VIP section on the River Parade Field.

Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig sat nearby as did former defense secretaries Caspar Weinberger and Frank Carlucci.

In his remarks, Rumsfeld contrasted the world situation when he was secretary from 1975-1977 to today.

“Twenty-five years ago, Warsaw was the name of a military pact opposed to the ways of the West,” he said.



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Donald Rumsfeld listens to a reporter's question at his first press conference since taking office as the nation's 21st defense secretary.

“Today, Warsaw is the capital of a new member of NATO.

“Twenty-five years ago, American freedom was menaced by the Soviet Empire and a wall cut not just Europe, but a world in two. Today that empire is no more, the wall is down and the Cold War is over.”

Rumsfeld listed President Bush's three goals for the military: to strengthen the bond of trust with the American military, to protect the American people both

from attack and from threats of terror, and to build a military that takes advantage of remarkable new technologies to confront the threats of this new century.

“Reaching those goals is a matter of mission and of mindset,” he said. “Among the things we must combat is the sense that we have all the time in the world to get to the task that's at hand.”

Some people sense that the United States “can't or needn't act because the world is changing,” Rumsfeld said. “That we're in a transition period between the Cold War and the next era – whatever it may be. That we can wait until things shake out and settle down a bit.”

But Rumsfeld said constant change might be the new status quo for the world.

“We may not be in the process of a transition to something that will follow the Cold War,” he said. “Rather, we may be in a period of continuing change, and, if so, the sooner we wrap our heads around that fact, the sooner we can get about the business of making this nation and its citizens as safe and secure as they must be in our new national security environment.”

The country is safer now from nuclear war, Rumsfeld said, but “more vulnerable now to suitcase bombs, to cyber terrorists, to raw and random violence of the outlaw regime.”

Keeping America safe in a dangerous world is within the country's reach “provided we work now and we work together to shape budgets, programs, strategies and force structure to meet threats we face and those that are emerging,” he said.

“The changes we make in our defense posture, the innovations we introduce, take time to be made part of a great military force,” Rumsfeld continued.

“We need to get about the business of making these changes now in order to remain strong not just in this decade, but in decades to come.”

January Newcomers

The following are newcomers who arrived here from Jan. 11 to Thursday.

Welcome to the Wolf Pack!

**8th Fighter Wing**  
Lt. Col. Mark Picton  
Senior Airman Brian Merrifield  
Airman 1st Class Edith Murray

**8th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
1st Lt. Anthony Figiera  
Staff Sgt. Ted Innerhofer  
Senior Airman George Booth  
Senior Airman Carl Castro  
Senior Airman Aaron Johnson  
Senior Airman Kenneth Kurtzhals  
Airman 1st Class Raymond Barrocales

**8th Comptroller Flight**  
Capt. Jimmie Evans  
Airman 1st Class Brian Weaver

**8th Communications Squadron**  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Walker  
Senior Airman Ryan Frazier  
Senior Airman Brian Gracey

**8th Maintenance Squadron**  
Senior Airman Peter Alfredson

Senior Airman Gregory Beverley  
Senior Airman Donasia Brightful  
Senior Airman Ian Davis  
Senior Airman Bruno Garcia  
Senior Airman Tracy Mitchell  
Senior Airman Jesus Pimentel  
Airman 1st Class David Sykes  
Airman 1st Class Jennifer Walsh

**8th Medical Operations Squadron**  
Capt. Lance Thompson  
Senior Airman Robert Esquivel  
Senior Airman Tonia Suslik  
Airman 1st Class Rameika Clay

**8th Mission Support Squadron**  
Staff Sgt. Eric Gergen  
Airman 1st Class Winsome Culley

**8th Operations Support Squadron**  
Capt. Francis Howard  
1st Lt. Matthew Jensen  
Airman 1st Class Michael Bell  
Airman 1st Class Brian Ornstein

**8th Security Forces Squadron**  
1st Lt. Steven Bauman  
Tech. Sgt. Brian Barr

Tech. Sgt. John Bresnahan  
Tech. Sgt. Robert Loughmiller  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Sittenauer  
Senior Airman John Holland  
Senior Airman Robert Husted  
Senior Airman Anesha Morton  
Senior Airman Kevin Tate  
Airman 1st Class Kristina Mohnkern  
Airman Basic Denny Castillo  
Airman Basic Jenelle Niola  
Airman Basic Giovanni Poli  
Airman Basic David Rapoza  
Airman Basic Mark Truman

**8th Supply Squadron**  
Senior Airman Marcus Demiel  
Senior Airman Jeremy Hickman  
Senior Airman Joseph Scalisi  
Airman 1st Class Michael Evans  
Airman 1st Class Brian Johnson  
Airman Basic Lindsey Rublaitus

**8th Transportation Squadron**  
Senior Airman Ann Goede  
Airman 1st Class Casey Flood  
Airman 1st Class Arturo Flores

Airman 1st Class Andre Varn

**35th Fighter Squadron**  
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Kuchak  
Senior Airman Alton Allen  
Senior Airman Stephen Burgin  
Senior Airman Michael Bylica  
Senior Airman Robert Denis  
Senior Airman Justin Johnson  
Senior Airman Reuben Wood  
Airman 1st Class Michael Schneider  
Airman 1st Class Stephen Webster

**80th Fighter Squadron**  
Tech. Sgt. Mark Walters  
Staff Sgt. Gregory Clements  
Senior Airman Jamila Bridges  
Senior Airman Christopher Cowgill  
Senior Airman Blake Ferguson  
Senior Airman William Fisher  
Senior Airman Christopher Hall  
Senior Airman Pierre Julien  
Senior Airman Eric Katzman  
Senior Airman Richard Northrup  
Senior Airman David Olmstead  
Senior Airman Angela Padgett  
Senior Airman Lamont Taylor  
Airman 1st Class Travis McCoy